Assistance to voluntary organisations

2649. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 71,000 people and 175 voluntary organisations were given assistance worth Rs. 936.78 lakhs during 1987-88 and if so, State-wise breakup thereof indicating the names of the voluntary agencies as reported in the Hindu on 6th June, 1988; and

(b) if so, what is the assistance given/proposed to be given during the year 1988-89?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) In 1987-88 approximately 97500 handicapped persons benefited by grants from Welfare Ministry through 320 organisations and the Scheme of Scholarships for disabled students of the Ministry of Welfare. The total grants given under these heads were 937.46 lakhs. State-wise break-up of organisations and grant are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, *Annexure No. 142-43.*

(b) The amounts proposed to be given in 1988-89 are as follows:—

Schemes	(Rs. in lakhs)
(*i*) Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled . . .	450.30
(*ii*) Scheme of Scholarships for the Disabled . . .	305.00
(*iii*) Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of aids/appliances . . .	520.00

Maharashtra Government's request on SC/ST certificate

2650. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra are persistently requesting the Central Government to relax or modify the rules for issuing caste certificate to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in case of migration from one State to another; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such request and action taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra had suggested that in the case of persons particularly belonging to Safai Kamgar Community, who are most backward and vulnerable and migrants to the State of Maharashtra, the rules for issue of Schedules Caste certificate could be relaxed. According to the existing instructions, a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe person on migration from the State of his origin to another State will not lose his status as Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe, but will be entitled to the concessions/benefits admissible to the Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes from the State of his origin and not from the State where he has migrated. In view of this, the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe persons who have migrated in the State of Maharashtra after the issue of first Presidential Order which was issued in 1950 can get benefits from the State of their origin.

The State Government of Maharashtra has already been informed of the position.

Stock of imported edible oils, soyabean oils and rapeseed oil

2651. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated stock of imported edible oils—soyabean and rapeseed oil—at the end of 1988 stating the value in terms of foreign exchange;

(b) whether Government propose to restore the concessions in the supply of edible oils to the Vanaspati Units in the country; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and